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Infectious and Contagious Diseases among Animals
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the infectious and contagious diseases spreading among animals in the country, if so, the details thereof;
(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent and control the infectious and contagious disease among the animals in the country;
(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Union Government to the State Governments and Union Territories to do the needful in this regard; and
(d) If so, the details of the guidelines issued by the Government along with the steps taken by the state Governments and union territories to prevent the contagious diseases among the animals?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) Government is aware about the occurrence of various infectious and contagious diseases amongst the animals in the country. As per the available information on animal diseases received from State and Union Territory (UT) Governments, the diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Black Quarter (BQ), Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (HS), Enterotoxaemia, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Bluetongue, Classical Swine Fever, Rabies, Glanders, Anthrax etc. are regularly reported in animals. Further, Infectious Bursal Disease, Coccidiosis, Fowl Cholera and Salmonellosis are also being reported in poultry.

(b) to (d) Prevention, control and containment of animal diseases including infectious and contagious diseases is carried out by respective State/UT Governments. In order to supplement these activities of the State Governments, the Central Government is providing financial assistance through various components of Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH &DC) Scheme.

Under the scheme funds are also provided for capacity building of technical manpower, strengthening of disease diagnostic laboratories, biological production units, veterinary hospitals and dispensaries, epidemiological surveillance and monitoring of diseases including disease forecasting. Four National Animal Disease Control Programmes for the control of FMD, PPR, Brucellosis and Classical Swine Fever are being implemented as component of Livestock Health & Disease Control Scheme. Further, advisories are also issued by the Department to the State Governments for undertaking necessary prevention, control and containment measures for various animal diseases including zoonotic diseases such as Avian Influenza, Glanders etc. as per the provisions of the Prevention and Control of Infectious & Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009. For control of Avian Influenza, Department has circulated revised action plan in March,2015 for Prevention, control and containment of Avian Influenza under which State Governments carry out all control and containment measures. Department has also initiated National Animal Disease Reporting System (NADRS), a computerized system of animal disease reporting linking each block, district and State Headquarters to the Central Disease Reporting which Monitoring Unit in New Delhi to ensure prompt disease reporting.

With the implementation of robust animal disease control programmes in the States/UTs, there has been overall reduction in the incidence of animal diseases e.g. 2,270 outbreaks of FMD were reported in the country in 2005 which have been reduced to 109 in 2015. Similarly, PPR, Haemorrhagic Septicaemia, Anthrax outbreaks were 1071, 775 and 72 in 2005 and have been reduced to 116, 89 and 49 in 2015 respectively.

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